GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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Production and Export of Coffee
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of coffee production in the country during the last three years and the current year, year-wise indicating the rate of growth therein and the current position of India among other coffee producing countries in the world;
(b) the total quantity and value of coffee exported from the country during the said period, country-wise;
(c) whether any steps are being taken by the Government to improve the working conditions of coffee plantation workers and if so, the details thereof; and
(d) whether there is any proposal for allowing Foreign Direct Investment in coffee plantations in India and if so, the details thereof along with its present status?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) The details of coffee production in the country during the last three years and the current year, year-wise indicating the rate of growth rate in coffee production, is as follows:
Year Production (Tonnes) % change over previous year (%)
2014-15 327000 7.39
2015-16 348000 6.42
2016-17* 316700 -8.99
2017-18** 350400 10.63
* Post-Monsoon estimate ** Provisional Post Blossom Estimate
During the current year, India stands 7thposition in the World in terms of coffee production.

(b) The total quantum and value of coffee exported from the country during last three years are as under;
Year Quantity(MT) Value (Rs. Crores)
2014-15 272323 4807
2015-16* 318059 5176
2016-17* 356445 5650
2017-18*
(01.04.2017 to 11.07.2017) 119025 1936
* Based on permits issued
The country − wise export of coffee and revenue generated during last three years and the current year details are enclosed in Annexure-I.
(c) The working conditions of coffee plantation workers are governed in accordance with the Plantation Labour Act 1951, Equal Remuneration Act 1976, Employees Provident Fund and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1952, Gratuity Act 1972, Bonus Act 1965, Workman Compensation Act 1923. The Plantation Labour Act (PLA), 1951, administered by Ministry of Labour & Employment and enforced by the concerned state governments requires the employers to provide the workers with housing, medical facilities, sickness and maternity benefits and other forms of social security measures. There are provisions for educational facility for the children, drinking water, conservancy, canteens, crÃ¨ches and recreational facilities for the benefit of the tea plantation workers and their families in and around the work places in the tea estates. The Labour Department of the State Governments monitor the implementation of the provisions of this Act.
Apart from the above, Coffee Board has been providing the welfare support to children of labourers and tiny farmers under the scheme "Integrated Coffee Development Project". Educational stipend and financial assistance is provided to the children of labourers and children of tiny growersin order to ensure that the children of plantation workers pursue higher studies after Xth class. During the XII Plan period, an amount of Rs.10.34 crore has been extended to 41,927 beneficiaries.
(d) As per extant Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) policy, FDI upto 100% under the automatic route is permitted in Coffee plantations subject to sectoral conditions. For sectors under automatic route no prior approval of the Government or the Reserve Bank of India is required.

ANNEXURE-I

India's total coffee exports − country wise
Quantity in Metric Tonnes and Value in Rs. Crores
Country 2014-15 2015-16* 2016-17* 2017-18*
(1.4.2017 to 11.7.2017
Qty Value Qty Value Qty Value Qty. Value
ITALY 59968 999.31 79653 1139.60 83821 1158.46 28340 412.57

GERMANY	25021	466.71	27600	463.23	34933	549.78	14252	227.67
RUSSIAN FEDERATION	20994	388.88	27838	470.89	29087	507.59	8597	155.47
BELGIUM	12082	248.88	16600	305.85	20046	367.71	6282	129.19
TURKEY	15852	276.35	14292	243.12	17230	280.96	3922	68.68
POLAND	4422	67.06	6507	92.22	11139	172.3	4292	68.05
SLOVENIA	8102	115.17	10886	134.65	10289	123.4	3553	49.99
SPAIN	5421	80.84	6297	81.97	9631	127.25	3512	50.06
GREECE	5919	88.42	6646	86.14	7790	103.47	1619	24.49
U.S.A.	5763	102.87	5742	95.96	7383	131.25	2802	47.58
OTHERS	108779	1972.88	115998	2062.28	125096	2127.61	41854	702.53
Total	272323	4807.37	318059	5175.91	356445	5649.78	119025	1936.28

*Based on export permit.

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